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1. The approaches and channel to Inchon are not mined.

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2. North Korean troops locations in the Inchon area include the followings:

- a. One North Korean regiment at Inchon and Wolmi-do comprised of about 1,000 men.
- b. One hundred twenty North Korean troops billeted in the former Korean Young Men's Association building in Sinhwang-dong (126-37-55, 37-27-55).
- c. Fifty North Korean troops in civilian clothes across the street in the former Korean Wrestling Club.
- d. About 20 political intelligence troops billeted at Haekwangsa Temple in the same area.
- e. Two companies of North Korean troops (about 200 men) billeted in Inchon Commercial School (127-38-15, 37-28).
- f. Headquarters of the Volunteer Army in Sinhwang-dong Primary School in the same area.
- g. Thirty North Korean navy personnel in a house near the residence of the former Kyonggi district executive officer (127-37-34, 37-28-25). The residence is used by the North Korean Democratic Young Men's Association (DYA).
- h. Eighty North Korean officers billeted in 30 houses in the former Shibaura Company residence compound (127-37-20, 37-28-25).

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- i. Thirty North Korean soldiers and 30 North Korean National Policemen living in a bomb shelter at the former U.S. MP station in front of the former Inchon police station, (approximately 127-27-20, 37-28-25).
- j. One hundred North Korean army men and 50 navy men billeted in civilian houses at Tohwa-ri (127-39-50, 37-27-40).
3. There are five anti-aircraft guns on the athletic field in the vicinity of 127-38-45, 37-27-45. A large supply of gunpowder is stored in the pear orchard in the vicinity of 127-40-20, 37-27-50. On the Inchon Castle grounds in Inchon Parkway there are bomb shelters and two coastal defense guns.
4. The Inchon People's Committee occupies the former Puchon-gun office in Sinhwang-dong.
5. Anti-Communist residents of Inchon, including some police, plan an uprising against North Korean forces if United Nations troops land at Inchon. The anti-Communists will seize weapons from North Korean troops and aid the landing party.*
6. From Inchon to Suwon, rice and ammunition are carried on a narrow-gauge railway, except for the last few miles, where they are carried by hand or by truck. The rice and other foods are brought to Seoul from Inchon by small boats up the Han River.

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